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SUBJECT: CODEL EILBERG VISIT TO ROMANIA, AUGUST 11-13, 1977

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1. MFA AND GNA WERE RECEPTIVE WHEN EMBOFFS BROACHED ALTERNATIVE OF CODEL'S TRAVELING TO BLACK SEA AND POSSIBLE MEETINGS THERE WITH PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU AND OTHER KEY GOR FIGURES. AFTER AMBASSADOR RAISED SUBJECT WITH DEPFONMIN GLIGA TODAY, LATTER RESPONDED POSITIVELY AND SAID THAT HE WOULD TRY TO HAVE CONFIRMATION OF BLACK SEA PROGRAM ON AUGUSTG . WITH PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU HAVING GONE TO CRIMEA TODAY, GLIGA'S ESTIMATE MAY BE TOO OPTIMISTIC. EMBASSY PROCEEDING ON ASSUMPTION THAT BLACK SEA TRIP IS ON WHETHER OR NOT PRESIDENTIAL MEETING WILL ULTIMATELY BE POSSIBLE. IN ANY EVENT, MEETINGS WILL BE ARRANGED WITH HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS. PLAN IS TO LEAVE BUCHAREST BY MILAIR EARLY FRIDAY P.M., AUGUST 12. HOTEL ROOMS OR GUEST VILLAS WILL BE RENTED IN NEPTURE OR OTHER CONVENIENT RESORT FOR FRIDAY NIGHT. CODEL CAN DEPART SATURDAY MORNING AND FLY DIRECTLY TO BUDAPEST.

2. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF MILAIR HAS SUFFICIENT SPACE

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TO ACCOMMODATE SMALL EMBASSY GROUP TO TRIP TO CONSTANTA: AMBASSADOR AND MRS. BARNES; POL COUNSELOR JOHN TIPTON; ADMIN. OFFICER CLARKE RODGERS AND CODEL CONTROL OFFICER/ VICE CONSUL FREDERICK BECKER.

3. GIVEN PROBABLE FRIDAY OVERNIGHT AT SEASHORE, AMBASSADORIAL DINNER HAS BEEN SWITCHED TO THURSDAY NIGHT. SINCE WE ARE ALWAYS

UNCERTAIN AS TO HOW MANY ROMANIANS WILL ACCEPT OUR INVITATIONS (ESPECIALLY DURING VACATION MONTH), WE HAVE ALREADY REQUESTED OUR DAO TO INCLUDE BAKER, PTAK, FORD AND MCCANN IN THEIR THURSDAY EVENING PLANS FOR MILITARY FLIGHT CREW. IF MANY ROMANIANS ACCEPT AMBASSADOR'S INVITATION, WE WOULD PLAN TO CUT CERTAIN EMBASSY STAFF AS WELL AS CODEL ESCORTS FROM GUEST LIST. PLEASE INDICATE WHICH CODEL ESCORTS MAY BE INCLUDED AT DINNER.

4. ASSUMING BLACK SEA TRIP IS ON AND BASED ON RESPONSES THUS FAR RECEIVED FROM ROMANIANS, FOLLOWING IS TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR VISIT:

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

1225 - ARRIVAL AT BUCHAREST FROM DUBROVNIK VIA MILAIR (EMBASSY AND GOR REPRESENTATIVES WILL MEET PLANE).
1330 - ARRIVE AT HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL
1400 - LUNCHEON/BRIEFING AT HOTEL (ENTIRE CODEL INVITED)
1600 - DISCUSSIONS WITH MFA
1830 - MEETING WITH CHIEF RABBI MOSES ROSEN (AS DESIRED)
2030 - DINNER GIVEN BY AMBASSADOR AT RESIDENCE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

0830 - CONSULAR SECTION VISIT
0930 - MEETING AT INTERIOR MINISTRY RE INTERPOL (AS DESIRED)
1100 - DISCUSSIONS AT GNA
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1330 - DEPARTURE FOR CONSTANTA VIA MILAIR (DEPARTURE TIME PRESUMES THAT SANDWICH LUNCH CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE ON AIRCRAFT, ALLOWING FOR MORE TIME AT SEASHORE. ALTERNATIVELY, BOX LUNCHES CAN BE ARRANGED FOR LOCALLY)
1415 - ARRIVAL AT CONSTANTA
1530 - ARRIVAL AT HOTEL IN NEPTURE RESORT AREA
1630 - MEETING WITH GOR OFFICIALS
EVE. - DINNER AND EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

AM - DEPARTURE FROM CONSTANTA FOR BUDAPEST VIA MILAIR (REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS REGARDING ALTERNATE FLIGHT PLAN, WHICH MAY RESULT IN SLIGHT EARLIER ETD)
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